



Egremont News

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Rules & Regulations of this Newsletter:

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep residents informed of what is going on in their community. It is printed on a bi-monthly basis by the Selectmen's Office Staff. Articles submitted by Town Boards are not edited by the Select Board or Office Administrator. Outside organizations are allowed to submit articles of no longer than one column length. These articles are to be factual and will not be printed if they contain any political format, forum, or communication. We welcome reader input and hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter.

Board of Selectmen:

We've come to the end of another challenging year. As we look forward to better times for all, the board wishes Jim Noe, our previous Highway Superintendent, best wishes as he has left our department. The board is currently reviewing applicants. Also, we say goodbye to Lou Cecchinato as he has left as our Transfer Attendant. Best wishes Lou! Please say hello to Jim Fountain your next time up at the station as he has taken over Lou's responsibilities. You have seen Jim there this last September and October when he was filling in for Lou, at that time. He'll be checking for transfer stickers, so stop into Town Hall if you need one. They're free!

The board has been informed that an application for a cell tower has been submitted to our Planning Board. The Planning Board is in the process of doing their due diligence and we look forward to hearings in the near future.

This is the final year of our Rt. 41 bridge project, so this time next year it will be clear sailing across Karner Brook. Thanks to our highway department for helping remove trees at French Park in order to open the way to the basketball court (did you know we had one?). Next spring it should be more inviting.

Our Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Town report is completed and available at Town Hall and the Library. Thanks to our staff for pulling this all together.

The days are shorter and the weather blustery, so please drive carefully. The Selectboard wishes everyone a "Happy and Healthy Holiday and New Year!"

Office Administrator:

Do you have tenants, caretakers, or family members living in your residence or an apartment on your property? Please let Town Hall know who is

living there so that we can keep our 9-1-1 records, street listing, and school census up to date.

A court ruling this past summer has made homeowners and business owners more liable for a lack of proper snow removal on their properties. The Supreme Judicial Court ruled landowners were at risk if someone was injured during the natural accumulation of snow as well as any man-made situations, or so-called "unnatural accumulation." Prior to this ruling, injured parties had to prove they were harmed by snow left piled up or other improper act of snow removal. For your own sake, be vigilant about your snow removal.

Historical Commission:

Over forty town residents, friends, and family members joined the Egremont Historical Commission on November 14 for an Open House at the Weathervane Inn to recognize and thank Betty Duryea and Margaret Candee for their years of service to the town and to the EHC. It was a wonderful occasion to honor these two long-time residents and present them with engraved pewter Revere bowls as a token of gratitude for their contributions to helping preserve Egremont's past for future generations.

The gathering also provided an opportunity for EHC to announce a new slate of officers and members for 2011. Maxine Lome has been named Chair, Sharon Genin has been named Vice Chair, and Bill Wood has been named Secretary. EHC welcomes Nancy DuVall, Jill Hennessey, and Susan Bachelder, who join Nic Cooper and Elizabeth Tucker as members.

Thanks to a grant given by the Alford-Egremont Cultural Council, a new walking tour brochure for historic downtown South Egremont will be made available in January in the Archives Room and at Town Hall. Please stop by and pick up your copy! EHC will soon begin work on a walking tour of historic North Egremont, and welcomes participation from any interested town residents. The first meeting about this project will be 10AM on Saturday February 5 in the

Archives Room – any interested resident is cordially invited to attend.

Work on EHC's new web site, a project funded by the Upper Housatonic National Heritage Area, is now underway. The domain name egremonthistory.org has been purchased and should be publicly available by the summer. We welcome volunteer help on this project, especially with data entry and document scanning. We are also looking for documents and photos that we can scan and add to our archives, notably historic photos of homes or of Egremont's landscape. Please call Maxine Lome at 413-528-1827 or contact any EHC member if you can support our effort in any way.

Board of Assessors:

TAXPAYER INFORMATION ABOUT ABATEMENT PROCEDURE

REASONS FOR AN ABATEMENT.

An abatement is a reduction in the tax assessed on your property for the fiscal year. To dispute your valuation or assessment or to correct any other billing problem or error, you must apply for an abatement.

You may apply for an abatement if your property is:

1. overvalued (assessed value is more than fair cash value on January 1 for any reason, including clerical and data processing errors or assessment of property that is non-existent or not taxable to you),
2. disproportionately assessed in comparison with other properties,
3. classified incorrectly as residential, open space, commercial or industrial real property, or
4. partially or fully exempt.

WHO MAY FILE AN APPLICATION.

You may file an application if you are:

1. the assessed or subsequent (acquiring title after January 1) owner of the property,
2. the owner's administrator or executor,
3. a tenant paying rent who is obligated to pay more than one-half of the tax,
4. a person owning or having an interest or possession of the property, or
5. a mortgagee if the assessed owner has not applied.

In some cases, you must pay all or a portion of the tax before you can file.

WHEN AND WHERE APPLICATION MUST BE FILED.

Your application must be filed with the Board of Assessors by Tuesday February 1st, unless you are a mortgagee. If so, your application must be filed between September 20 and October 1. Applications filed for omitted, revised or reassessed taxes must be filed within 3 months of the date the bill for those taxes was mailed.

THESE DEADLINES CANNOT BE EXTENDED OR WAIVED BY THE ASSESSORS FOR ANY REASON.

PAYMENT OF TAX.

Filing an application does not stop the collection of your taxes. In some cases, **you must pay the tax due** to appeal the assessors' disposition of your application. Failure to pay the tax assessed when due may also subject you to interest charges and collection action. To avoid any loss of rights or additional charges, you should pay the tax as assessed. If an abatement is granted and you have already paid the entire year's tax as abated, you will receive a refund of any overpayment.

ASSESSORS DISPOSITION.

Upon applying for an abatement, you may be asked to provide the assessors with written information about the property and permit them to inspect it. The assessors have 3 months from the date your application is filed to act on it unless you agree in writing to an extension. If the assessors do not act on your application within the original or extended period, it is deemed denied. You will be notified in writing whether an abatement has been granted or denied.

APPEAL.

You may appeal the disposition of your application to the Appellate Tax Board, or if applicable, the County Commissioners. The appeal must be filed within 3 months of the date the Assessors acted on your application, or the date your application was deemed denied, whichever is applicable. The disposition notice will provide you with further information about the appeal procedure and deadline.

The Department of Revenue has revised its forms for return of Personal Property for business owners. These revised forms can be obtained at Town Hall. The Assessors mail these forms out to the businesses they are aware of. If you don't get one, and you have any type of business, please contact Town Hall.

Agricultural Commission:

The Egremont Agricultural Commission is pleased to announce good news from our local farms. Rhett Proctor, from Proctors's Bel-Air Farm has received an extremely prestigious fellowship with the Eisenhower Foundation. Rhett will be traveling to Australia and New Zealand and will spend his time both learning and teaching. The idea of the fellowship is intended to be a sharing of ideas, setting up contacts and problem solving. Also, Turner Farms Maple Syrup has been awarded an energy grant through the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. This competitive grant will help pay for a new sugaring evaporator. They will be setting up their new system in June of 2011.

The Agricultural Commission would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in joining. Our next meeting is January 12th at 7:00. You need not be a farmer to be on the commission and ALL are welcome to the meetings.

Presently the Commission is working on road signs stating that Egremont is a Right-to-Farm community. We hope to place signs on Routes 23, 41 and 71. We also continue to maintain the lovely Agricultural Commission brochures throughout the community. If you have not seen one yet, you may pick one up at most town business locations or at Town Hall.

Planning Board:

On December 10, 2010, the Town Clerk received an application from Mariner Tower II, LLC, for a Special Permit for placement of a telecommunications tower in South Egremont. The application is on file at the Town Hall and will be reviewed and acted on by the Planning Board under the Zoning Bylaw.

The requested site for the tower location is at the Catamount Ski Area. Several months ago Mariner applied to the Conservation Commission for location of a tower at a different site in South Egremont. While the Conservation Commission gave its approval to that site, Mariner Tower working with AT&T has decided to request the Special Permit for the Catamount site instead.

The Catamount property and the Town Hall property were the original sites identified in the Wireless Telecommunications Overlay District of the zoning bylaw. Those sites had been identified and recommended by the Planning Board's consultant,

Walter Cooper, as providing adequate coverage for the town. In 2009 the WTOD was expanded to include the entire town, and in 2010 minor changes were made to the bylaw to conform setback requirements to this expanded district.

Under Section 6.2 of the bylaw, which regulates the procedures for special permit applications, a public hearing must be held within 65 days of the application and a final decision made within 90 days of the Public Hearing.

Section 5.3 of the zoning bylaw regulates telecommunication services and allows the board to hire a consultant for review of the application, at the expense of the applicant. The board anticipates hiring a consultant prior to the Public Hearing. The board will give notice of the Public Hearing date by newspaper at least 14 days prior to the hearing.

The bylaw requires the applicant to perform a balloon test within 35 days of filing the application, giving the board at least 14 days notice prior to such test. This test, as described in 5.3.8.2.k of our bylaw, involves flying a large balloon at the proposed site and maximum height of the tower, for eight consecutive daylight hours for not less than five days. The applicant must give notice in the newspaper at 7 and 14 days in advance of the test.

Please watch for postings of the Public Hearing in the newspaper and at the Town Hall and post offices. All meetings of the Planning Board are open to the public so anyone interested may attend any meeting, whether a Public Hearing or not. Meeting dates with the anticipated agenda are posted at the Town Hall at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The usual meeting dates of the board are the second and fourth Monday of the month, subject to change based on circumstances.

Board of Health:

Along with a regular exercise the beginning of a new year is a great time to make a resolution to start a healthier eating regime. But try not to fill your healthy eating New Year's resolution with far reaching goals like giving up ice cream forever or never eating fried food again. Nutritionists say this type of dieting sets yourself up for eating binges and failure. Instead, go for moderation. Instead of saying you're going to totally eliminate something from your diet say you'll save it only for a very special occasion.

People are sometimes very surprised to learn how delicious healthier foods can be and also how easy they are to prepare. Here are some suggestions:

Fruit: Fruit is naturally sweet and is a much wiser choice to answer a sweet tooth craving. For breakfast whip up a fruit smoothie in your blender with assorted fresh or frozen fruit (strawberries, peaches, bananas, whatever you have around), juice and a dollop of fat-free yogurt. Yum! And we all know the old expression about an apple a day keeping the doctor away!

Try roasting vegetables: If the first word that comes to mind when you say steamed vegetable is “yuk” try roasting them in a hot oven (425) drizzled with a little olive oil. You’ll see asparagus and broccoli in a whole new light.

Olive oil: Extra virgin olive oil has been shown to be heart healthy. Use less butter and discard any margarine that contains hydrogenated fats. Use olive oil for dressing, bread dipping and cooking. The only thing you don’t want to use olive oil for is deep fat frying, which will be the foods you’re saving for special occasions anyway, right?

Whole grains: Multi-grain bread, whole wheat pasta and salads rich in things like bulgur, millet and quinoa are readily available, easy to prepare and offer twice the nutritional benefits of more traditional products.

Bean, nuts and seeds: Beans, nuts and seeds are great sources of protein, healthy fats and fiber. You can use them in soups and salads, or just bring a small bag of nuts with you when you start your day. Nuts and seeds are high in calories, so watch portion sizes.

A happy and **healthy** New Year to you all.

Green Committee:

NEWS FLASH! The Town of Egremont has demonstrated its dedication to energy efficiency and reducing our carbon footprint. It has now been selected by the Center for Ecological Technology (CET) and Mass Save to be one of only three towns in Berkshire County to participate in a community outreach program designed to save you, the Egremont homeowner, money when you make your home more energy efficient.

The campaign is **TAKE CHARGE**, and here are the details:

- Schedule a [FREE Home Energy Assessment](#) by calling Mass Save at 1-866-527-7283.
- Your free assessment will result in specific [recommendations](#) on how to reduce your home heating and cooling costs.
- The assessment will also include [FREE services](#), such as air-leak sealing, and you can get a discount of up to 75% on insulating your home.

- When you get your report, call the Egremont Green Committee (528-0182 ext 22). You’ll receive a campaign sign-up gift (an LED nightlight) and be entered into our grand prize drawing to [win a \\$500 gift certificate](#) for the Energy Star kitchen appliance of your choice from Great Barrington Hometown Sears.

Good news! If you have already had an assessment done on your home but it was 12 or more months ago, you can have another one and qualify for all of these incentives!

So what are you waiting for? Here’s a chance to save money, get upgrades on your home, help fight climate change, and get FREE stuff while doing so. Our **TAKE CHARGE** campaign officially kicks off January 1st and will run until June 30, 2011. Call Egremont Green Committee chair Juliette Haas at 528-0182 ext 22 for more details.

Treasurer\Collector

PLEASE NOTE:

FY 2011 - Actual Real Estate & Personal Property Tax bills are in the mail. Due dates are February 1, 2011 and May 2, 2011.

Please note: Questions concerning your tax assessment MUST be directed to the Board of Assessors.

On Line Banking - UNIPAY on line banking is a great tool for last minute payments of any bill owed to the town. Go to the Town of Egremont web site www.egremont-ma.gov/ and click on pay your bills on line. Follow the instructions from that point. You will be able to use ACH or a credit card. Thank you to all who are using the on-line product. It is working great. Please give it a try.

Note: When making payments through your bank bill pay please remember to use your current tax bill number and check to be sure the remittance address is correct.

Questions/Confusions - I will be glad to address any question that would be of general information to the taxpayers. Submit questions and concerns pertaining to the Tax Collector/Treasurer to Pat, P.O. Box 368 So. Egremont.

Office hours - Tax Collector 7-3 Monday through Friday and by appointment.

Library:

Last spring, I requested volunteer help in the library. The response was outstanding. We now have

Louisa Sierau, Mandy Martin and Carolyn Palmucci each week. During the summer, we had several others, and the library is pretty much neat as a pin. If you called and did not hear back from me, I was having trouble with the answer machine. Thanks to all.

Now that the library plan has been defeated by the town, we are getting together plans for upgrading the current library. We hope to get some of this work done starting in the spring.

In the meantime, we are keeping our stacks up to date with the latest and best of what is on the market today and learning to cope with the drop in state aid.

We also have WiSpring, so if you need some fast internet service, come join us.

French Park Improvements :

This fall, French Park has enjoyed two exciting new improvements. After several years of fund raising, a new playground is in place. Two new slides, a climbing wall, monkey bars and much more are housed in an attractive play structure along side three new bouncy animals, a junior size geo-dome and two benches for parents. An exciting new item is the X-Wave, a space age teeter totter for one or more adventurers. This equipment was funded half by the generosity of Egremont individuals and half by Egremont-on-Parade and the town. Bring your children to enjoy this new playground.

For all hikers and cross-country skiers, the main hiking trail in the park, the chapel road path off Prospect Lake Road, has been extended and looped to make a continuous walk. The French Park Committee would like to thank Erik Haupt and the Haupt Tree Co. for the generous donation of two days of a crew's work to make this possible.

If you would like to help with further additions to the park, please contact the French Park Fund, 223 Egremont Plain Road, PMB 27, Egremont, MA 01230-2215. Contributions are tax deductible.

A South Egremont School Thank You!

Each fall the South Egremont Parent Organization (SEPO) conducts a raffle to raise funds for the students at the South Egremont School. Local merchants and businesses in the Egremont area donate prizes. We are so very fortunate to have such a generous, supportive community. Thirty different prizes were donated and we sold 311 tickets. The funds go directly to the school and are used for fieldwork, books, costumes for our annual play, science

equipment, soccer goals for the playground, and enrichment activities like handwork and recorder lessons. Here is a list of our Egremont contributors:

- Divine Automotive
- Catamount Ski Area
- Seekonk Tree Farm
- Closet Collection
- The Old Mill
- John Andrews
- Kenver, LTD
- Zorn Chiropractic
- Blue Rider Stables
- Indian Line Farm
- Mulberry Hair Company
- Farm Girl Farm
- Mary Minehan Reflexology
- The Spirit Shoppe
- Swiss Hutte Restaurant
- Turner Farm Maple Syrup
- Brookside Quiltworks
- Zorn Core Fitness
- Egremont Country Club
- Lance Vermeulen Real Estate
- Salisbury Bank
- Egremont Land Trust
- Egremont Garden Club

We are grateful and very appreciative of your continued support!

THANK YOU!



**Students at South Egremont School
2010-2011 school year.**

Friends of Egremont History

Work has begun on the Historic Egremont 2010 Mapping Project, made possible by a grant from the Housatonic Heritage Area Grant Program, and awarded to the Friends of Egremont History, in partnership with the Egremont Land Trust. This grant will be matched in kind by the work of Egremont volunteers.

Al Thorp of Accord Engineering, our mapping specialist, is using GIS to produce a map that will give a snapshot of Egremont in 2010. It will show all major structures, just as the old maps of 1858, 1876, and 1904 did. We will ultimately have two products: a CD that will allow us to gather more pertinent information than a single map could hold, and a hard copy detailed map that can be reproduced.

We have met with town boards and commissions and the fire department, and they will provide both information and some of the volunteers needed to verify the presence of houses and barns. Volunteers will also be needed to provide additional informational material. If you are interested in this project, please contact Lynn Wood (528-3919) or Marj Wexler (528-3726). We want to produce a 2010 map that all Egremonters will be proud of!

Prepare for winter:

FEMA officials urge seniors and people with disabilities to:

- ★ Make arrangements and emergency plans for special equipment you may need such as oxygen tanks.
- ★ Set up electrical back-up for medical equipment and heat
- ★ Develop a back-up communications plan
- ★ Maintain a two-week supply of needed medications
- ★ Have copies of medical records, prescriptions and medical needs available
- ★ Plan for transportation
- ★ Don't forget to plan for your animals
- ★ Know where your emergency shelters are and resources for help are
- ★ Set up a network of assistance with others nearby, such as your neighbors, relatives, caretakers, friends, and co-workers

- ★ Keep an emergency supply kit on hand: battery radio and light with extra batteries; minimum weeks supply of food and water; adequate clothing and blankets for warmth; first aid supplies

A winter weather advisory means that cold, ice and snow are expected. A winter storm watch means severe weather such as heavy snow or ice is possible in the next day or two. A winter storm warning means that severe weather conditions have begun or will begin very soon.

Crime Prevention:

Here are a few general tips from FEMA to keep yourself and your property safe:

If you are traveling:

- ◆ Put an automatic timer on your lights
- ◆ Ask a neighbor to check on your home
- ◆ Don't forget to have your mail and newspaper delivery stopped
- ◆ Keep in touch with neighbors or relatives

If you are out of the house:

- ◆ Turn on lights and music or the TV so it looks like someone is home
- ◆ Be sure that your doors and windows are locked
- ◆ Only have packages delivered to your home if you are there.

If you are shopping online:

- ◆ Shop only with companies you know and trust.

While shopping at the store:

- ◆ Stay alert to what is going on around you
- ◆ Park in well-lit areas
- ◆ Lock your car with the windows closed
- ◆ Hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk
- ◆ Don't carry large amounts of cash; use checks, or your credit/debit card
- ◆ Report stolen credit/debit cards immediately
- ◆ Send out warranty/registration cards immediately on all products purchased
- ◆ Don't carry too many packages
- ◆ Carry purse close to the front of your body. Carry wallets in your front pocket

- ◆ Have a plan in case of separation from your children

News from Brookside Quiltworks:

Brookside Quiltworks, owned and operated by Catherine Kane, and located at 2 Sheffield Road in the village of South Egremont, has applied for grant funds from the Alford-Egremont Cultural Council to conduct the following workshops. Contact Catherine at 528-0445 if you are interested in participating or want more information.

Curved Piecing/Winding Ways - 2 part 1/11, 1/18, 3-5pm.

Mystery Workshop (51"x59 ½") - 1 day 1/16, 10am-3pm.

Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend Workshop - 1 day 1/29, 10am-3pm.

Binding the Proper Way - 2 hours 2/6, 1-3pm.

Scrappy Hunter Star - kit available, 1 day 2/12 10am-3pm.

Applique - kit available, 3 part 2/17, 2/24, 3/3 6-8pm.

Log Cabin Workshop - 2 day 3/15, 3/16, 10am-3pm.

Amish Workshop - kit available, 2 day 3/12, 3/26, 10am-3pm, 12noon-3pm.

Flannel Workshop - 1 day 3/27, 9am-3pm.

Board meeting schedule:

Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail.

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon and May to October the third Monday 2-4pm or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursday 9am to 12noon & by appointment

Board of Health - Monday- 8am to 1pm, Tuesday 8:30am to 12pm & 12:30 to 2:30pm Wednesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm Meetings - Second & Fourth Thursday 9am to 11am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other Tuesday evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Other times and inspections by appointment

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - Wednesdays 5:30pm January through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm & Saturday 9-12noon

Planning Board - Second & Fourth Monday 7:30pm

School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm

Town Clerk - Every other Tuesday evenings 6pm-9pm, Tuesday mornings 9am to 12noon or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm, Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Water Department - Office weekdays 8am to 2pm Meetings second Thursday 4:30pm at Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed

To reach a board member or to leave a message please call the Town Hall.

Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

The Silo B&B - guest accommodations
413-528-5195

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B
1 Prospect Lake Road
413-528-2882
www.innsweetwater.com

The Weathervane Inn - Lodging
413/800-528-9580

Baldwin Hill Farm B&B -
121 Baldwin Hill Road N/S
528-4092
www.baldwnhillfarm.com

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant
413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-
Restaurant & Lodging
413-528-6200

Howard's Antiques - Antique Lighting & Restoration
413-528-1232
www.howardsantiquelighting.com

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal polishing
413-528-3230

- Home - Asian Antiques & Interior Objects
195 Hillsdale Road (Route 23)
413-528-5383
www.homeasianantiques.com
- 41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern
furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural
and decorative objects.
413-528-0112
www.41mainantiques.com
- Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback
Riding
Lessons, summer programs
www.bluerider.org
413-528-5299
- Green River Arabians & Pintos -
Horse Boarding, lessons, judging.
413-528-2367 arabpinto13@yahoo.com
- Indian Line Farm - Community Supported Agriculture
(CSA) & Farmers Markets
413-528-8301
www.indianlinefarm.com
- Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road, open 7am
to 7pm 7 days a week. 413-528-5710
- G&S Gventer "Books - Buy & Sell Books
413-528-2327
- Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork
413-644-9979
www.CosmicResonance.com
- Peter Goldberg, Dipl. Ac - Acupuncture, Pain
Management 413-528-5055
- Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor
44 Main Street, South Egremont
413-528-9654
www.healingspiritdc@yahoo.com
- Zorn Core Fitness - Boot Camp
Personal, Couples & Group Training
Cardio Room coming soon - \$45 per month
46 Main Street, South Egremont
413-528-1594
aribzorn@yahoo.com
- Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe
Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga
46 Main Street
413-528-0828
kbyoga@gmail.com
- Cory B. Loder, L.I.C.S.W. - Individual & Couple
Counseling - Specializing in Dual
Diagnosis
9 Miller View
413-528-0393
1-888-528-0393
- Divine Automotive - Automotive repair
413-528-8007
- Old Egremont Country Store - groceries, beer, wine,
liquor, newspapers, lottery, & much more
413-528-4796
- Blueberry Lane Home Design - Interior decorating
413-528-9633
- Closet Collection - clothing & household
consignment shop
413-528-6236
- Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail
wood veneer sales
413-644-9696
- L and L Construction - Home repairs, additions,
new home building
413-528-5548
- "Jack of All Trades"-Handyman Services
Jack Buckley
413-528-1982
413-446-1982
- Catamount Ski Area - Skiing
413-528-1262
www.catamountski.com
- Anita Schilling - Real Estate Listing & Sales
Barnbrook Realty
413-528-4423
anitacentury21@aol.com
- Florence F. Browner Real Estate - Full Service
90 Creamery Road
413-528-3266
flobro@wildblue.net
- Kenver Ltd - Winter Sports Equipment, Apparel &
Accessories
39 Main Street
413-528-2330
www.kenverltd.com
- Maple Leaf Art Gallery - Joan Mentzinger
154 Hillsdale Road, Route 23
- The Agency Without Walls - Helen Krancer
Advertising, sales promotion, direct marketing.
413-644-9700
helen@agencywithoutwalls.com
- Cyber Knight - Matthew Wall
PC repairs - Networking - Internet
413-528-5415
matt@cyber-knight.net
- James Olmsted - Outdoor Services & Caretaking
Field mowing
413-528-0102
pager 413-261-2150

Berkshire Wildlife Solutions - Resolving conflicts
with nature. Eric F. Ives

Mass Problem Animal Control Agent
Consultation/Inspection, Capture, removal and
exclusionary work.

413-528-9813 413-250-5094

PAPERCHASERS Barbara Fields - Organizing and
Productivity Services, Project and Time
Management

413-528-2824

barbara@paperchasers.com

Brookside Quiltworks - Catherine Kane - fabric
shop and quilt gallery. 2 Sheffield Road, Egremont
413-528-0445 brooksidequiltworks.com

Support local businesses

The Day After Christmas
By Stanley Farnum

*Twas the day after Christmas
And the house was a sight,
With busted up toys,
And the kids in a fight.*

*And mama and I,
Hung over and sick,
Had collapsed on the couch,
To swear at St. Nick.*

*When up in the chimney
There arose such a din,
That my head nearly burst,
And my eyeballs turned in.*

*Then down in the fireplace
In a cloud of black trash,
Fell a fat little man
With a bag full of ash.*

*His red suit was dirty,
His beard was all grime,
And the words he was using
Made me blush at the time.*

*"Why Santa," I cried
"How come you're still here?"
"It's your fault," he shouted,
"I drank your damn beer!"*

*I grew thirsty as soon
As I entered your door,
And found in your "frige"
Six bottles or more.*

*I went to the roof
And unloaded the sled
And climbed down the chimney
When the kids were in bed.*

*And just when I got
About halfway down through,
My belly swelled up
And I stuck in the flue.*

*I threw half a bag
Of the toys to your floor,
But it wasn't enough,
And I couldn't throw more.*

*So there I have waited
And burped through the night,
And finally slid,
From the spot that was tight.*

*Then he grinned through the dirt
And skipped out in the snow,
And called his reindeer,
"O.K. Boys, let's go."*

*As they rose from the rooftop
Like the flight of a bird
I laughed at "Ho-Ho"
And the words that I heard.*

*Fainter and fainter on the cold winter air
I am sure this is all I could hear,
Merry Christmas to all, next year I'll be there
So leave me some cookies but no more "DAMN
BEER".*



Egremont Caroler's December 5, 2010

**Town of Egremont
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